

I. AMENDENT

PLEASE ENTER THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE OR DISCLAIMER. Text deleted from the original appears in ~~strikethrough~~ and text to be added to the original has been underlined.

A. In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 14-24 as follows:

By still another method, the reporter moiety can be attached to the oligomer or oligomer block after it is fully assembled and cleaved from the support. This method is preferable where the label is incompatible with the cleavage, deprotection or purification regimes commonly used to manufacture the oligomer. By this method, the PNA oligomer can be labeled in solution by the reaction of a functional group on the polymer and a functional group on the label. Those of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that the composition of the coupling solution will depend on the nature of oligomer and label, such as for example a donor or acceptor moiety. The solution may comprise organic solvent, water or any combination thereof. Generally, the organic solvent will be a polar non-nucleophilic solvent. Non limiting examples of suitable organic solvents include acetonitrile (ACN), tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, methyl sulfoxide, N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF) and 1-methylMethyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP).